

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: John Dale Showell House Inventory Number: WO-332
Address: 9 North Division Street Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Ocean City Zip Code: 21842 County: Worcester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Ocean City
Property Owner: Charles and David Weaver Tax Account ID Number: 028019
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 2566 Tax Map Number: 110
Project: Bridge No. 2300700, US 50 over Sinepuxent Bay Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: KCI Technologies, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Sandra Scaffidi Date Prepared: 9/30/2005
Documentation is presented in: John Dale Showell House, MIHP No. WO-332, Ocean City Survey District, MIHP No. WO-412
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The John Dale Showell House is located on the southeast corner of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue. The frame structure originally faced north, but now is oriented to the southeast. The three story structure sits on a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation and is clad in non-original fishscale patterned shingles with an asphalt covered hipped roof. According to the MIHP form completed in 1990, the building originally possessed a wrap-around porch with banded and fluted composite columns. The porch is currently enclosed and encapsulated within the main structure of the building. The structure, originally a dwelling, now serves as a beverage store.

The John Dale Showell House is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A because it is not associated with any significant pattern of events. Although the Showell House is associated with John Dale Showell, an early patron of Ocean City (Criterion B), the resource has undergone numerous alterations and additions such as the enclosed porch and replacement windows that mar the association with Showell. The dwelling is not eligible under Criterion C due to the numerous alterations including the reorientation of the dwelling that detract from the architectural integrity. Finally, it does not appear to possess the potential for additional significant historical information (Criterion D).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
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MHT Comments:

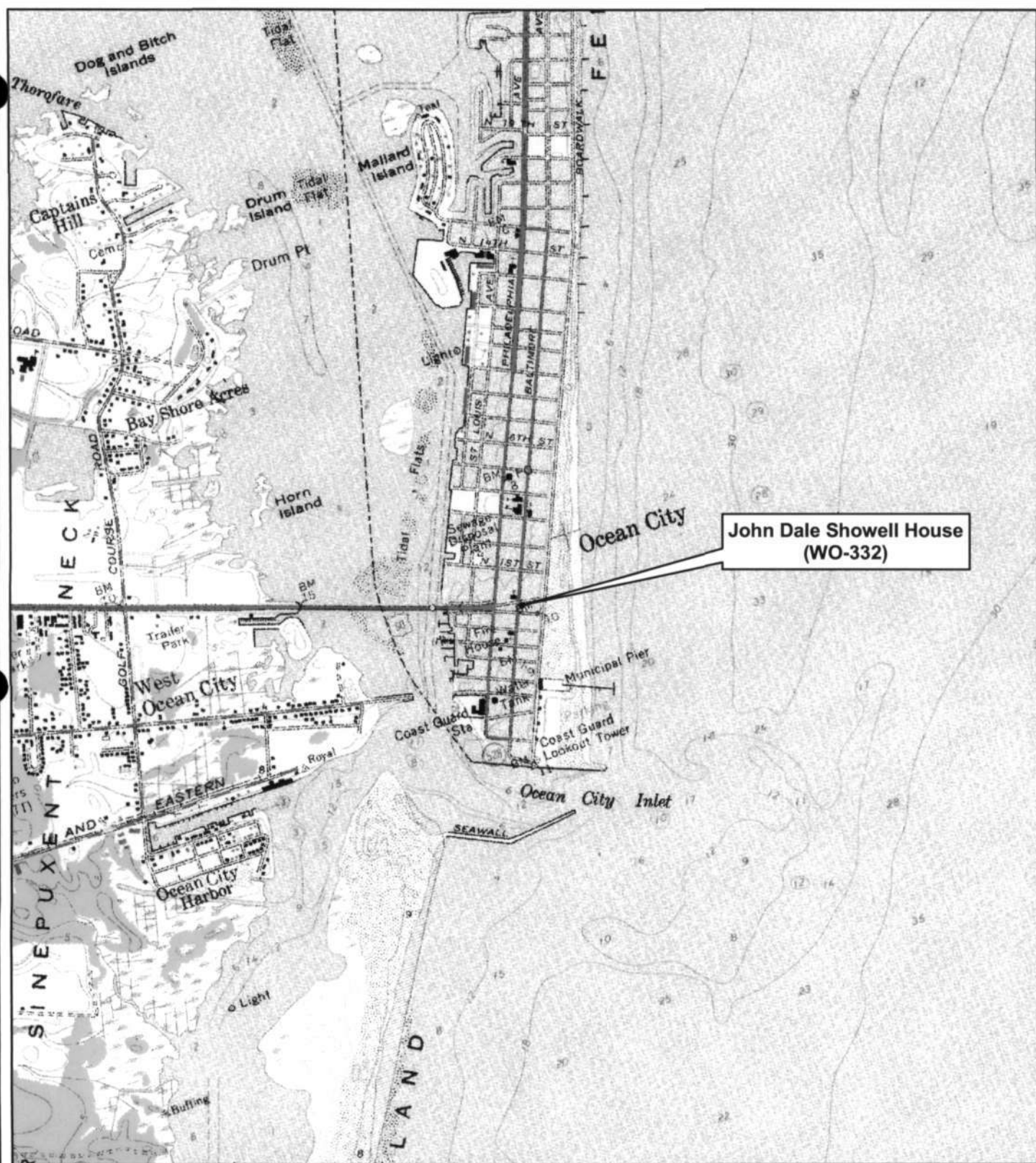
John Tanenbaum ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/28/06
Date

B. Kintz
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/29/06
Date

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**John Dale Showell House
(WO-332)**



John Dale Showell House

Bridge No. 2300700
US 50 over Sinepuxent Bay
Worcester County, MD

Source: Ocean City, MD
USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
(1964)



LIFE
\$12.99 12 PACK

COCA-COLA
\$17.61 30 PACK

\$12.99
12 PACK CANS

NO
PARKING
EXCEPT
FOR
LOADING
UNLOADING
OR
DELIVERY

NO
PARKING
EXCEPT
FOR
LOADING
UNLOADING
OR
DELIVERY

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John Dale Showell House, Ocean City Survey District
Worcester County, Maryland
Sandra Scaffidi

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MD SHPO
Facing northwest. South and east elevations of the John Dale Showell House
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Natural
ICE

\$8.57
15 PACK

\$11.99
30 PACK CASE

Natural
ICE

WEAVER'S
BEER & WINE

Taste Matters.

WEAVER'S BEER & WINE

lilc
Cooler
LIGHT

\$17.61
30 PACK

GO
\$12.99
12 PACK

Heineken
\$7.62
4 PACK BOTTLES

BECK'S HARP
\$11.90
\$6.87
\$7.33

WINDOW

Natural
ICE
\$8.57
15 PACK

BUSCH
\$8.57
15 PACK

ROLLING
\$10.47
12 PACK BOTTLES

lilc
LIGHT

\$17.61
30 PACK

BUD LIGHT
\$12.99
12 PACK

I.C.
Light
\$12.99
12 PACK

Budweiser

\$12.99
12 PACK

BUD LIGHT
\$12.99
12 PACK

I.C.
Light
\$12.99
12 PACK

BUSCH

\$8.57
15 PACK

BUSCH
\$12.99
12 PACK

I.C.
Light
\$12.99
12 PACK

Red Stripe

\$11.90
12 PACK

COM
\$9.99
12 PACK

I.C.
Light
\$12.99
12 PACK

Schaefer

\$9.99
12 PACK

Schaefer
\$9.99
12 PACK

I.C.
Light
\$12.99
12 PACK

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John Dale Showell House, Ocean City Survey District

Worcester County, Maryland

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north elevation facing south from North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue

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John Dale Showell House
Ocean City
Private

c. 1910

The John Dale Showell house distinguishes the center of Ocean City with its location at the corner of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue. The early twentieth century dwelling combines a common four-square house form with unusual cast concrete porch columns following the Composite Order. A contemporary single-bay garage with shingled siding improves the lot as well.

Showell family ownership of this principal corner lot dates to June of 1904 when John Dale Showell purchased the property for \$316 from John T. and Caroline S. Ensor. It is estimated that the lot was improved within the next few years.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-332

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN DALE SHOWELL HOUSE

and/or common SHOWELL HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 9 North Division Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Ocean City ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Dale Showell, III

street & number 50th St. and the Ocean telephone no.: 524-7621

city, town Ocean City state and zip code MD 21842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 132

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 191

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. W0-332

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Dale Showell house stands at 9 North Division Street on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue in the heart of Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces north with the hip roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1905, the two-and-a-half story four-square frame house is supported on a raised and rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is uniformly clad with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Stretching around three sides of the house is a wraparound porch distinguished by banded and fluted Composite columns.

The north (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a center entrance filled with a partially glazed front door. The adjacent single-pane sash windows are hung with replacement aluminum shutters. Stretching between the porch columns are sections of square baluster handrails. The second floor is lighted by two single-pane sash windows also hung with replacement shutters. Marking the roof is a large hip roofed dormer with paired single-pane sash windows.

The asymmetrical east and west elevations are partially covered by the wraparound concrete columned porch. Bay windows mark each elevation as well as single-pane sash windows. The roof slope on each side is pierced by large hip roof dormers with paired single-pane sash windows.

The south (rear) elevation is partially covered by a single-story kitchen wing.

The interior was not seen.

Standing east of the house is a single story hip roofed garage covered with wood shingles. The garage appears to date from the early twentieth century as well.

8. Significance

Survey No. WO-332

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Showell family ownership of this principal corner lot dates to June of 1904 when John Dale Showell purchased the property for \$316 from John T. and Caroline S. Ensor.(FHP 21/105) The property remains in Showell family hands.

WO-332
JOHN DALE SHOWELL HOUSE
9 North Division Street
Ocean City, Maryland
Chain of title

FWH 132/191

John Dale Showell, Jr.

to

1/4/1959

John Dale Showell, III, and Ann
Lockhart Showell, his wife

ODC 17/215

Nadine Showell Young, and husband,
Eldridge Hood Young

to

9/10/1914

John D. Showell, and Elizabeth W.,
his wife

ODC 17/213

John D. Showell and Elizabeth W., his
wife

to

9/10/1914

Nadine Showell Young

FHP 21/105

John T. Ensor and Caroline S., his
wife

to

6/29/1904

John Dale Showell
\$316

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: John Dale Howell House

MHT Inventory Number: NO-332

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

- 2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SITE

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

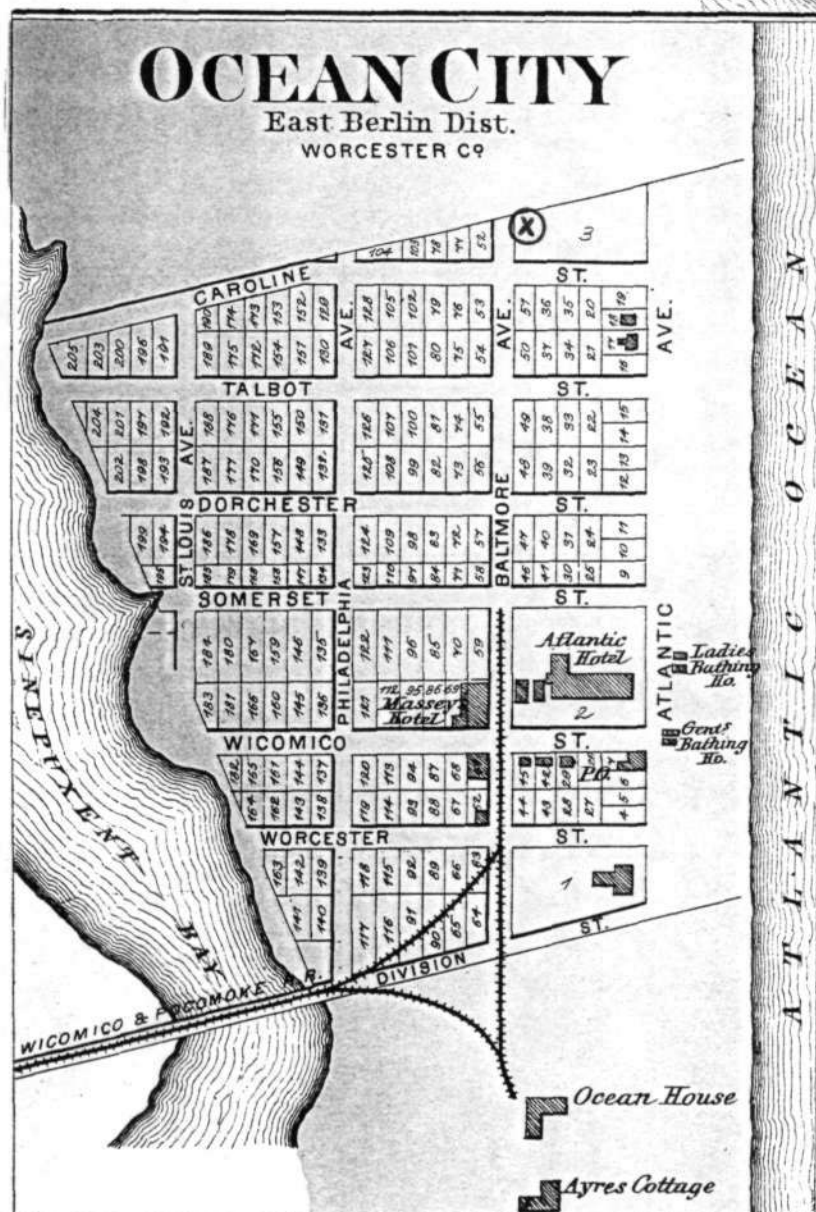
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
(1870-1930)

- 4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

NO-332
 LAKE, GRIPKING AND
 STEVENSON ATLAS



OCEAN CITY BUSINESS REFERENCES.

J. TRACY, Proprietor of Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City; also, of Peninsula House, Salisbury.
SAM'L J. MASSEY, Proprietor of Seaside House, Ocean City, Md. Terms, two dollars per day; ten dollars per week; meals fifty cents each. Liberal arrangements made with families. First-class Bar, Bowling Alley and Livery Stable attached.
COFFIN & LYNCH, Proprietors of the Ocean House, Ocean City.

WHALEYVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

JOHN P. R. GILLISS, Physician and Surgeon.
P. W. DALE & BRO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, &c., &c.
P. WHALEY, Merchant and R. R. Agent.
E. T. WHALEY & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and Notions.
JAMES WHALEY, Judge of the Orphans' Court.
LEANDER CLIFTON, Blacksmith. All work in his line done to order.
J. E. WHITAKER, Proprietor of Whaleyville Steam Saw Mills, Grinding, Sawing and Carding. All work done in good order.

